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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, LU (THORN, ASTON)

SUBJ: LUXEMBOURG FOREIGN MINISTER VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: A) STATE 64525, B) STATE 54938, C) STATE 38177

1. IN APRIL 2 CONVERSATION WITH DCM, MFA SECRETARY GENERAL WURTH RAISED QUESTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER THORN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON APRIL 11. WURTH OBSERVED THAT AFTER CHANGING THE DATE OF OUR FIRST, INVITATION WE THEN PROPOSED ANOTHER DATE FOR A ONE-DAY VISIT. THIS INVITATION WHICH HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN PROPOSED AS A "ONE-DAY VISIT" (REF C) WAS NOW APPARENTLY LIMITED TO A BRIEF BREAKFAST MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY (REF A). WURTH SAID THAT THORN WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF DEPARTMENT WAS STILL THINKING IN TERMS OF "ONE DAY" VISIT, AND IF SO WHAT SCHEDULE WE WOULD SUGGEST FOR PROGRAM. LUXEMBOURG AMBASSADOR WAGNER IS APPARENTLY TRYING TO ARRANGE CALLS FOR THORN ON VICE PRESIDENT FORD AND DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 11, BUT WURTH IS UNABLE TO APPROVE REMAINDER OF THORN'S WASHINGTON PROGRAM UNTIL DURATION OF THORN'S STAY WITH THE SECRETARY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT IS KNOWN. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE SOONEST ON WHAT TO INFORM THORN CONCERNING HIS PROGRAM WITH THE SECRETARY.

2. WURTH ALSO MENTIONED THAT GOL WOULD ISSUE ROUTINE PRESS COMMUNIQUE ON APRIL 4 OR 5 TO ANNOUNCE THORN'S
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VISIT TO NEW YORK TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL UNGA ON

APRIL 9 AND 10 AND VISIT TO WASHINGTON FOR BILATERAL
MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AND OTHER US OFFICIALS ON
APRIL 11.

3. SEPTTEL WILL GIVE OUR ANALYSIS OF THORN'S CURRENT
THINKING ON MAJOR ISSUES AND SUBJECTS HE IS LIKELY TO
RAISE IN WASHINGTON. FARKAS

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